

Comments: (May be used publicly)

Dear Committee,

I am heavily in favor of the Flexible Path option. It will create a strong series of "firsts" which should maintain an inspired public. After Apollo 11, the public lost interest (been there, done that). With Flexible, I see a series of increasingly long-duration missions to NEO's, the moons of Mars, and points further. The "Flexible" part will force open minded engineering resulting in a robust architecture. One direction for study should be the detailed understanding of potentially Earth threatening-objects and the possibilities of deflecting their paths, (brought to mind by the recent strike on Jupiter). I also believe Flexible Path will be the most affordable option and will provide an infrastructure which can be built upon.

Best regards,

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